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In re Application of:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.12

Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the Notice of Allowability and Examiner's Amendment of May 16. 2001 in the captioned application as follows. In the event the certificate of mailing was either inadvertently not executed or improperly executed, any necessary fees were not included with this Response and/or were insufficient in amount, or for any other reason this Response is not considered timely filed, request is hereby made for an extension of the time to respond and the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0965 (PISA,007/C/CON) in the amount of any necessary fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The Examiner's Amendment (page 2 of the Notice of Allowability) set out an amendment to page 1 of the specification to correct the continuing application data. That amendment recited that the present application was a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/900.174. However, the present application is a continuation, not a continuation-in-part, of Serial No. 08/900,174, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's Amendment to the specification be corrected to recite that relationship between applications.